



Carroll County Board of Elections



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Carroll County Board of Elections Board Minutes October 16, 2024

Present

Board

Samuel Foster, President, in person
Karen Donaldson, Vice-President, in person
Carol Coley, Secretary, in person
Mitch Edelman, Member, in person
Ben Watson, Member, in person
Jay Gullo, Attorney, in person

Staff

Erin Perrone, Director, in person
Jennifer Bartholow, Deputy Director, in person
Eduardo DeLima, Election Information Systems Specialist, virtual
Isaac Nogueron, Election Program Specialist II, virtual
Olivia Smith, Election Program Specialist, virtual

Public

Katherine Adelaide, Carroll County Republican Central Committee, in person
Nancy Camma, Citizen, in person
Corynne Corpus, Carroll County Democratic Central Committee, in person
Henry Reiff, Carroll County Democratic Central Committee, in person
Cheryl Steinbacher, League of Women Voters, Carroll County, in person
Raquel Walsh, Carroll County Democratic Central Committee, in person

Call to Order & Declaration of Quorum

Mr. Foster called the meeting to order at 10:02 am and declared a quorum was present.

Welcome

Mr. Foster welcomed those in attendance and introduced the members of the public.

Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Foster asked if any there were any additions to the agenda. There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes from the September 18, 2024, meeting on a motion from Mr. Watson, seconded by Ms. Donaldson. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Mr. Foster reviewed the public comments policy. It is required that members of the public ask in advance to speak to the Board by emailing or calling Ms. Perrone.

Katherine Adelaide, Chair of the Election Integrity subcommittee of the Carroll County Republican Central Committee, requested to speak and followed the public comment policy. Ms. Adelaide was granted three minutes to address the Board. She spoke on her concerns of maintaining order throughout a canvass and safeguarding all records and documents. At the end of her time, she provided the Board with printed copies of her comments.

Correspondence

Mr. Foster asked if there were any correspondence to share. Ms. Perrone shared eight press releases from SBE.

- Over 660,000 Mail-In Ballots Are Being Sent to Maryland Voters
- Maryland State Board of Elections Reminds Marylanders of the Benefits of Serving as Election Judges and Election Pages
- Maryland State Board of Elections Highlights Key Voting Information and Election Deadlines for 2024 General Election
- Maryland State Board of Elections Administrator Jared DeMarinis Issues Statement on Recruiting and Assigning Election Judges
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month Highlights Importance of Voter Confidentiality Programs in Maryland
- Advance Voter Registration Deadline is October 15
- Maryland State Board of Elections Urges Voters to be Vigilant for Disinformation Targeting Voter Registration
- Maryland to Begin Canvassing Mail-In Ballots for 2024 General Election

Ms. Perrone shared email correspondence she had with Joe Leeman, Carroll County Republican Central Committee Chair regarding “policy request concerning USB drives.” Ms. Perrone also shared a letter from a constituent that was sent to Commissioner Kenneth Kiler regarding “concerns on the electronic software and data management systems used to administer the elections” as well as her response.

Attorney Report

Mr. Gullo updated the Board on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding public information act requests related to ballot drop box video. Mr. Gullo explained the MOU process with the county has been completed.

Election Director’s Report

Public Information Requests

- Abigail Rillo – received 10/14/2024 – asking for “a copy of your record request logs.”
- Katherine Adelaide – received 10/15/2024 – asking for the “Pre-Election Day Canvass Integrity Report(s) from the public event on 10/15/24.”

Important Meetings and Events

- September 26th – Security Briefing #1 with SBE and Maryland Emergency Agencies (Erin & Jen)
- September 28th & 29th – Westminster Fall Fest (Erin, Jen, Isaac & Mia)
- October 2nd – Meeting with County and Holland Construction Company (Erin)
- October 7th – Meeting with Sheriff’s Department (Erin & Jen)
- October 11th – Public Logic & Accuracy
- October 14th – State Holiday – Columbus Day – Office closed
- October 15th – Pre-Election Day Canvass
- October 24th – First day of early voting

Voter Registration

- Monthly statistical reports are available on our website. The link to the reports is <https://elections.carrollcountymd.gov/monthlyStats.aspx>.
- Advanced deadline to register to vote and deadline to change party affiliation – Tuesday, 10/15
- Day to day electronic batches, processing mail and increased foot traffic.

In-Person Voting

- Specimen Ballots – mailed beginning of October
- Early voting center and polling place evaluations

Mail-in Ballots

2024 Presidential General Election

Date	Total MIBs	Domestic	UOCAVA	Non-Perm MIBs	Perm MIBs	Mailed	Web Delivery	In Person	Agent	Large Print
06/03/2024	17,298	17,201	97	2,875	14,423	15,474	1,821	0	0	3
07/10/2024	17,439	17,328	111	2,958	14,481	15,581	1,854	0	0	4
09/16/2024	18,776	18,551	225	3,885	14,891	16,631	2,141	0	0	4
10/09/2024	20,601	20,300	301	5,156	15,445	18,104	2,471	19	3	4
Change since previous month	+1,825	+1,749	+76	+1,271	+554	+1,473	+330	+19	+3	0

- As of 10/15/24 SBE's website 21,241 mail-in ballots sent

Election Judges

- Recruitment Update – fully staffed
- Active Assailant Training with Sheriff's Department

IT/Warehouse

- Pollbook Logic & Accuracy

Personnel

- Nothing to report

Budget/County

- New building update – bi-weekly meetings

2024 Board Meetings

- No Meeting in November
- December 18, 2024
- January 15, 2025
- February 19, 2025
- March 19, 2025
- April 16, 2025
- May 21, 2025
- June 18, 2025

2024 Election Save the Date!

- October 24-31, 2024 – Presidential General Early Voting
- November 5, 2024 – Presidential General Election
- November 7, 2024 – Mail-In Ballot 1 Canvass
- November 13, 2024 – Provisional Ballot Canvass
- November 15, 2024 – Mail-in Ballot 2 Canvass & Certification
- February 19, 2025 – Manual Audit
- TENT: February 26, 2025 – Manual Audit (Snow Date)

Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business to report.

New Business

There is no new business to report.

Disclosure of Campaign Contributions

- Mr. Edelman donated \$100 to Slate for Student Success.
- Ms. Donaldson made a \$170 in kind donation to the Republican Central Committee.

Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

Adjournment

The motion for adjournment was made at 10:27 am by Mr. Watson. Mr. Edelman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.